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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER MOTOR CARRIER MATTER UTILITIES MATTER	DATE February 19, 2020 DOCKET NO. 2019-289-A ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-289-A</u> - <u>Rulemaking for the Public Service Commission's Procedure to Employ, through Contract or Otherwise, Third-Party Consultants or Experts</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Final Disposition of Proposed Regulation 103-811

COMMISSION ACTION:

Move the adoption of proposed Regulation 103-811, but strike and remove subsections (F) and (G).

The staff, with no objection from interested parties, asked to strike and remove subsections (F) and (G) of the proposed regulation during the public hearing on January 29, 2020. This change was sought since another docket, 2019-362-A, was opened regarding proposed new regulation 103-811.5 to address the role of the qualified, independent third-party consultant or expert and the Commission's reliance on the consultant's or expert's report. The substance of subsections (F) and (G) would be more appropriately considered in that other Docket.

During the public hearing, the record was left open by the Chairman and Commission for five (5) business days following the hearing. On February 5, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) submitted additional comments to add language to subsection (A) that the RFP should reference the applicable regulations or rules that apply to a third party consultant or expert. The proposed regulation provides the criteria, at minimum for an RFP and nothing would limit or restrict the Commission from referencing Regulation 103-811 when seeking an RFP for an external qualified, independent third party consultant or expert. There is no need for further amendment and move adoption of proposed regulation 103-811 without subsections (F) and (G).

PRESIDING:	<u>Randall</u>				SESSIC	DN: <u>Regu</u>	ılar	TIME:	2:00 p.m
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